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KINASE IN YEAST AND METHODS OF USING SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued July 28, 2005, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due October 28, 2005. Applicants herein Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and enclose a check in the amount of the extension fee. In view of the filing of the Petition and payment of the fee, a response is now due December 28, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

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